

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2265
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
UNORGANISED WORKERS AND CONTRACT LABOURERS
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proportion/percentage of organised labour is continuously declining while unorganised workers and contract labourers have increased significantly over the past decade;
- (b) if so, the details of the emerging trends in the pattern of labour assessed recently;
- (c) the details of fresh labour policy initiated recently to safeguard and promote the interest of labour class in general and contractual and unorganised labourers in particular in the context of globalisation, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the special initiatives taken/proposed for vocational education and upgradation of skill of working force to enhance their productivity and participation in production process, in general and Maharashtra in particular, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2265 DATED 12.3.2001 BY SHRI ANANT GUDHE REGARDING UNORGANISED WORKERS AND CONTRACT LABOURERS

(a) to (d) : As per the survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation in the year 1993-94, total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country was of the order of 335 million. Out of this, around 27 million were in the organised sector and the balance 308 million in the unorganised sector. In the recent NSSO survey carried out in the year 1999-2000, the total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country as per the usual principal status has been reported to be of the order of 370 million. Out of this, around 28 million were in the organised sector and the balance 342 million in the unorganised sector. This includes contract workers.

The Government have enacted a number of labour laws for the protection of workers' basic privileges and rights in both organised and unorganised sectors. As part of the fresh policy initiative the Government have enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess, 1996. For upgradation of skills of serving industrial workers in different States including Maharashtra, the Government is operating schemes like Advanced Vocational Training Scheme and Hi-Tech Training Scheme in the specialized institutes under Ministry of Labour and in some selected ITIs administered by the respective State Governments. These schemes offer training programmes in selected skill areas for upgrading the knowledge and skills of industrial workers.